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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

After the assignment of a serial number and prior to the initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting after the title, but before the first sentence on page 1:

*a* --This application is a national stage application, according to Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.--